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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR THE FABRICATION OF CONTACTS IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

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None

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None

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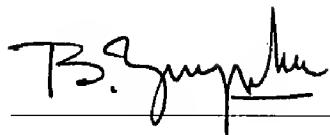
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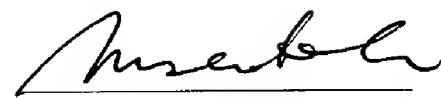
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